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In re Application of:

Alonzo M. BURNS et al.

Application No.: 09/228,954

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MICROSPHERES AND PROCESSES OF MAKING THE SAME

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 18, 2001

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated January 18, 2001, for one (1) month from April 18, 2001 to May 18, 2001.

A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the extension fee for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0925. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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